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Docket No.: 83456.0007.US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of | Examiner: Mary C. Hoffman |
| Edward Draper | Group Art Unit: 3733 |
| Serial No.: 10/675,855 | Confirmation No.: 3955 |
| Filed: September 25, 2003 | Customer No.: 81154 |
| TITLE: BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT LOAD CONTROL DEVICE | Date: December 14, 2009 |

AMENDMENT UNDER 1.312

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance on December 2, 2009. Please amend the claims as indicated below to correct a typographical error and to remove a claim from the present application.

Moreover, as advised by the Examiner, this paper has been submitted to bring attention to the following matters. It is noted that the Notice of Allowability dated December 2, 2009 indicates that claim 21 has been rejoined; however, the Notice of Allowability does not indicate that claim 21 has been allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Office issues an indication that claim 21 will be passed to issue. Furthermore, from reviewing the file history for the present application, it appears that there has yet to be an indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 14, 2007 had been signed off by the Examiner. Thus, it is also respectfully submitted that there be placed in the file an indication that the September 14, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement has indeed been considered.